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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects: Evaluation of the Transitional Living Program (TLP)

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OMB No.: 0970-0383

Description: The Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA), as amended by Public Law 106-71 (42 U.S.C. 5701 et seq.), provides for the Transitional Living Program (TLP), a residential program lasting up to 18 months designed to prepare older homeless youth ages 16-21 for a healthy and self-sufficient adulthood. Section 119 of RHYA requires a study on the long-term housing outcomes of youth after exiting the program.

The proposed collection is being carried out in two steps:

1. Interviews with TLP grantee administrators and front line staff about program structure, implementation, and approaches to service delivery.
2. A set of surveys to be administered to run away and homeless youth to measure their short-term and longer-term outcomes such as demographic characteristics, receipt of TLP

or “TLP-like” services, housing, employment, education, social connections (e.g., social relationships, civic engagement), psychosocial well-being (e.g., depressive symptoms, traumatic stress, risky behavior, history of abuse), and other measures related to self-sufficiency and well-being (exposure to violence, financial competence).

This information will be used to better understand the most effective practices that improve the long-term outcomes for runaway and homeless youth and reduce future episodes of homelessness.

Respondents: (1) Youth ages 16-21 participating in Transitional Living Programs and (2) the Executive Director and front line staff representing TLP grantees.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of Respondents	Number of Responses per Respondent	Average Burden Hours per Response	Total Burden Hours
Site Visit Interviews				
Program Overview Survey: Executive Director Interview Guide (1 Executive Director respondent per grantee)	14	1	1.00	14.00
Program Overview Survey: Program Staff Interview Guide (4 Program Staff respondents per grantee)	56	1	2.00	112.00
Youth Development Survey Interview Guide (1 Executive Director and 1 Program Staff respondent per grantee)	28	1	0.50	14.00
Young Adult Surveys				
Young Adult Baseline Survey	1250	1	0.75	937.50
Young Adult 3-Month Follow Up Survey	1250	1	0.54	675.00
Young Adult 6-Month Tracking Survey	1250	1	0.17	212.50
Young Adult 9-Month Tracking Survey	1250	1	0.17	212.50
Young Adult 12-Month Follow Up Survey	1250	1	0.25	312.50
Young Adult 15-Month Tracking Survey	1250	1	0.17	212.50
Young Adult 18-Month Follow Up Survey	1250	1	0.75	937.50

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3640

In compliance with the requirements of Section 506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Administration for Children and Families is soliciting public comment on the specific aspects of the information collection described above. Copies of the proposed collection of information can be obtained and comments may be forwarded by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. E-mail address: infocollection@acf.hhs.gov. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

The Department specifically requests comments on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

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